SUBJECT No. 75.

Opening dispensaries in two or three places in each taluk.

Mr. Veere Gowda, Dodballapur Taluk.

Mr. Veere Gowda.—The absence of medical help in villages is keenly felt and arrangements may kindly be made to open dispensaries in two or three places in each taluk with a midwife for each of them.

First Member of Council.—We have dispensaries in municipal areas in the Malnad. If applications are received for the opening of new dispensaries, they will be referred to the District Board, and if they are willing to give contributions, the applications will be considered favourably by Government.

Mr. Veere Gowda.—I am raising a general question. I would like to know whether the Government is willing to contribute. I was also a member of the District Board. If the Government is prepared to contribute, the District Board will be willing to share their portion of the cost.

First Member of Council.—A general rule cannot be laid down. If particular instances are brought to the notice of Government, they will be referred to concerned District Boards and if they are willing to give contributions, Government will be glad to render necessary help in the matter.

Dewan.—Provision is made in the Budget for the opening of four more dispensaries during the current year.

Mr. Karnick Krishna Murthi Rao.—The District Board of Bangalore is paying for the Unani and Ayurvedic Dispensaries. The District Boards certainly do not lag behind in this matter. The English systems of medicines are not within easy reach of the village people. Government do not give any encouragement to local Pandits.

Dewan.—This will be considered along with the question of re-organization of the Ayurvedic system of medicine when the finances improve. For the present the progress must necessarily be slow.

SUBJECT No. 76.

Improvement of Village Sanitation.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Kadur District Board.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao.—A slight improvement in village sanitation was perceptible some years back, but now it is entirely neglected. Rules must be framed to compel the villagers to keep their houses and premises clean. Wherever we go we find the villages in most insanitary and unclean condition. As a result of this, plague, relapsing fever, malaria, and various other new diseases rage everywhere. The *holegeries* are very dirty and they require improvement badly. It is better to shift them to a different locality and assign separate places for depositing dirt, rubbish, etc. Government have provided Rs. 20,000 for the improvement of village sanitation and at this rate, each taluk which consists of almost 350 villages cannot get even one pie.

First Member of Council.—Government will be prepared to consider any rules that you may send up and to lend assistance, if necessary. The improvement of the village sanitation is within the purview of the District and Taluk Boards and with the grant the Government has given they must be able to do what they can. Concrete proposals should be made by the people and sent to the Taluk and District Boards for consideration. Of the last year's grant, not even one-fourth has been spent. If you send some concrete proposals, they will be considered.